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MEMORANDUM

To: William C. Shelton
Director
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

From: James W. Hopper
Senior Assistant Attorney General/Chief

Date: September 9, 2008

Subject: Memorandum of Authority for Proposed Amendments to Public Participation Guidelines, 1 VAC 50-10 *et seq.*

I reviewed the proposed amendments to the Public Participation Guidelines, 1 VAC 50-10 *et seq.*, by the Commission on Local Government (hereinafter "Commission"). In my view, as assigned counsel to the Commission on Local Government, the Commission may promulgate these regulations, pursuant to §§ 2.2-4007.02 and 15.2-2903 of the *Code of Virginia*. The proposed regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law.